



EDUCATOR CAMP

2022 INFORMATION PACKET

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WELCOME TO EDUCATOR CAMP

AT WHISKEY MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION CAMP -- JUNE 13-16, 2022

Wyoming Game and Fish's Educator Camp is a 4-day professional development opportunity for teachers and other educators to participate in a Project WILD workshop, experience ready-to-use, transferable lessons about wildlife and habitat, gain confidence and skills in using the outdoors as a classroom, and learning more about the Wyoming Game & Fish Department and our educational resources.

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We hope you find the information included in this packet helpful, and please contact us if you have questions in the meantime at ashley.leonard@wyo.gov / (307) 777-4535 or parker.everhart@wyo.gov / (307) 777-4527

REGISTRATION

Registration information at:

<https://wgfd.wyo.gov/Education/Conservation-Education/Summer-Camps>

Registration fees: \$150 per person

(Optional UW graduate credits: \$50 per credit paid to the University of Wyoming)

Includes meals and lodging for 4 days, 3 nights

Please complete a copy of the general liability & medical release form and medical information form found within this informational packet for each registered participant and email it to parker.everhart@wyo.gov prior to June 1.

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CREDITS

This course is pending approval for 2 PTSB and 2 UW graduate credits.

If you are interested in PTSB credits for your attendance, you can sign up for those when you arrive at camp. You'll need either your PTSB ID # or SSN handy to sign up for the credit.

If you are interested in registering for University of Wyoming graduate credits, you can do so upon arrival at camp, or contact Ashley.leonard@wyo.gov for more information. This course is pending approval for 2 UW graduate credits. As mentioned above, graduate credits incur an additional cost of \$50 per credit paid to the University of Wyoming.

You must choose between PTSB credit or UW credit -- you cannot apply this course to both.

COVID-19

We want to make all camp participants aware of the modifications and protocols that may be implemented during our 2021 summer camp programs. Camps will be abiding by the current Governor's recommendations and local variance orders for the safety of participants. These following **may** be implemented for the safety of participants and staff:

- Masks will be optional
- Camp participants will be asked to wash or sanitize their hands before and after eating, after using the restroom, before and after touching any camp equipment and after each camp activity using restroom sinks or provided hand sanitizer.
- Cots in cabins will be spaced out by 6 ft.
- We will be sanitizing common spaces frequently and cleaning cabins between overnight camp programs.
- We will be screening participants with a brief symptom questionnaire and taking temperatures with no-contact temporal thermometers each day to monitor for COVID-19 symptoms.
- If symptoms are detected or reported by any camp staff or participant, the sick person will be asked to take a provided COVID test, and the participant will be quarantined in their cabin until results are received. Emergency medical care will be sought if necessary. If necessary, the remainder of the camp may be cancelled with refunds issued. All camp staff and participants who interacted with a participant or staff member who tests positive for COVID-19 will be notified and expected to self-isolate at home in accordance with CDC recommendations.

GOALS & OUTCOMES

Here are main themes we plan to address at this professional development camp, including the Project WILD workshop:

- Participants will experience ready-to-use, transferable lessons that emphasize:
 - Data collection using real (simple) science equipment.
 - How to engage students in citizen/community science
 - Hands-on learning in the outdoors.
- Participants will come away with a better understanding of “who” Wyoming Game & Fish is and what we do.
- Participants will complete an inquiry-based research project and learn more about how to facilitate this for their own students. This includes:
 - Tips and tricks to take kids outside. Why is it worth all the hassle?
 - Equipment, setup, student management also gets intimidating, but science isn’t just a “lab” thing - You can go on a hike!
- Participants will learn how to incorporate landscape and cultural history as a component of outdoor learning.
- Participants will be given examples that include art & language arts activities that tie in to conservation.
- Participants will review vocabulary related to conservation.
- Data will be graphed and otherwise manipulated to demonstrate how mathematics can be included in outdoor learning.
- Participants will get firsthand experience in Project WILD activities.
- Participants will get a general understanding of how Project WILD curricula may best fit into their existing programs.
- Participants will have the opportunity to have fun and network with other educators.

ARRIVAL AT CAMP

Please plan to arrive at 11:00am on June 13, 2022

Whiskey Mountain Conservation Camp is located near Trail Lake, approximately ten miles southeast of Dubois, Wyoming. The camp, located on historic bighorn sheep winter range, is situated on Torrey Creek about one mile from the Fitzpatrick Wilderness Trailhead. There is a good possibility of seeing lots of wildlife, such as moose, deer, osprey, and bighorn sheep. The scenery is beautiful, so consider packing binoculars or a camera to capture your amazing surroundings. Included in this packet is a map and directions on how to get to camp. The road into camp is a dirt road, but most passenger vehicles can navigate it without any problems.

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DIRECTIONS TO CAMP

(Map included later in this packet)

Camp is located at 704 Trail Lake Road in Dubois, WY

The camp address is searchable on Google Maps for directions as well.

If you are heading East on U.S. Highway 26/287, 4.3 miles east of Dubois, turn right at Jakey's Fork Rd. If you are arriving from the Lander/Riverton direction, turn left. There is a sign for the fish hatchery and Whiskey Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Area. Stay left at the immediate fork after the cattle guard. After approximately four miles, you should see Torrey Lake on your left. Stay on the main road by Ring Lake and Trail Lake. Stay on the main road. Do not make any turns. At approximately 7.6 miles you should be looking at the camp entrance. Parking is on your left once you drive under the entrance. Registration is straight ahead at the screen pavilion on the left.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

There is no cell phone service at camp, however there is strong wi-fi. It is recommended that you enable "wi-fi calling" on your phone prior to arriving at camp. There is a land-line available for emergencies. The phone number at camp, in case of emergencies, is (307) 455-2457.

All meals are served in the main dining hall. If you have any special dietary concerns, please list them in your registration so that our caterer can meet your needs.

The recently renovated cabins that participants will be staying in have running water and indoor toilet facilities as well as showers. Beds are large cots, but linens, blankets, and pillows are not provided, so you will need to bring your own pillows and sleeping bags or sheets/blankets.



Example of cabin including restroom

WHAT TO PACK

Camp is located in an outdoor setting in mountainous terrain. The weather at camp can vary greatly, from hot and sunny to chilly and raining, occasionally we have even had snow. Come prepared to be outdoors in all kinds of weather. Bring clothes that allow you to dress in layers for both warm and cold conditions...we will continue with our camp activities regardless of the weather unless safety is at risk.

Please come prepared with the following items. Let us know if you have any questions or if you do not have access to any of the items:

- Pillow, sleeping bag, or other bedding to sleep on twin-size cots
- Enough layers in case of cool weather (pants, sweatshirt)
- 3-4 days worth of clothing for warm weather
- Raincoat
- Hiking boots or a sturdy pair of closed-toe gym shoes
- Water shoes / sandals that strap to your feet
- Towel and washcloth
- Hats (for sun and for warmth)
- Light jacket, gloves
- Toiletry articles (soap, shampoo, chapstick, lotion, etc.)
- Sunscreen & Mosquito repellent
- Day pack/ backpack for hiking
- At least 2 large water bottles (32 oz. each) or an equivalent hydration pack
- Personal medications
- Flashlight/headlamp
- A wrist watch and/or digital alarm clock
- Sunglasses

Other suggested items (not required):

- Camera
- Binoculars
- Personal reusable coffee/tea mug
- Personal fishing gear for use during free time **don't forget a valid fishing license and conservation stamp **
- Field guides
- trekking poles
- As this is an adult-only camp, "adult beverages" may be brought to enjoy responsibly outside of formal program time.

WHAT NOT TO BRING: Our goal is to maintain the utmost safety for every person at the conservation camp. Therefore, if an item seems like it may challenge the safety of any person or property, it should not be brought to camp. Examples include: personal firearms, illicit drugs, explosives

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

June 13

11am - Check in @ Dining Hall
12pm- Lunch & welcome + overview of the educator camp goals & schedule
1pm- Icebreakers/team builders
2pm- Project WILD session #1
4:00pm- Intro to inquiry projects
6pm- Dinner
7pm- Who we are & what we do at WGFD + WGFD resources including Hunter Ed.

June 14

7am- Breakfast
8am- Inquiry project -- Continue through the scientific inquiry process
Lunch in the field
By 3pm- Return to camp & freshen up, then data analysis, conclusions
& prepare to share
4:30pm - "Research Symposium"
6pm- Dinner
7pm- Archery or Canoeing

June 15

6am - Birdwatching (optional)
7am- Breakfast
8am- Aquatic macroinvertebrates
9:30am- Project WILD session #2
12pm- Lunch
1pm- Project WILD session #3
6pm - Dinner
7pm- Project WILD session #4

June 16

7am- Breakfast
8am- Closing thoughts & pack up
10:00 am- Fish Hatchery "field trip"
12:00pm - Presentation & tour of National Bighorn Sheep Center

AREA MAP

Wyoming Game and Fish Department
Whiskey Mountain Conservation Camp

TO DUBOIS
(3.7 MILES)

JAKEYS FORK

WIND RIVER

TO CAMP

FISH HATCHERY ROAD

TRAIL LAKE ROAD
(ROAD 411)

26/287

TORREY CREEK

TO LANDER
(71 MILES)

DUBOIS FISH
HATCHERY



MOOSE POND

JULIA LAKE

TORREY LAKE

RING LAKE

TRAIL LAKE

THE WHISKEY MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION
CAMP IS LOCATED 7.5 MILES FROM
HIGHWAY 26/287 ON TRAIL LAKE ROAD
(ROAD 411). TRAIL LAKE ROAD IS 3.7
MILES EAST OF DUBOIS, WYOMING.

Legend



BOAT RAMP



PETROGLYPHS

0 1/2
SCALE IN MILES

TO GLACIER
TRAILHEAD
ABOUT 1 MILE

WHISKEY MOUNTAIN
CONSERVATION CAMP

Whiskey Mountain Conservation Camp



Whiskey Mountain Conservation Camp - Medical Information Form

The following information will only be used in case of an emergency and will remain confidential.

Participant name (print): _____

Participant date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

Please list:

Current medications & what they treat	Allergies	Dietary Restrictions	Any other medical conditions

Is asthma a concern? ☐ yes ☐ no

This medical history questionnaire is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. In case of medical emergency, I give my permission for employees of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department to render all possible aid and to seek medical treatment at the nearest doctor's office, clinic, or hospital.

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

GENERAL RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND MEDICAL CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR ADULTS

All participants must sign this release.

I agree to release, hold harmless, and waive all claims against the Educator Camp Program, the State of Wyoming, the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission, the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, and their officers, agents, servants, volunteer instructors, and employees ("Released Parties") from any and all liability or cause of action arising out of any personal injury or death, or any damage or loss of property, and any other loss, damage, or expense of any kind arising out of participation in, or associated with any activity of the Educator Camp Program. I acknowledge the Released Parties will not be responsible for, nor legally liable for, any damage or loss of property or bodily or personal injury or death suffered in conjunction with any activities associated with the Educator Camp Program, regardless of fault. I further recognize that the Released Parties retain sovereign immunity as provided pursuant to Wyoming law.

I acknowledge there are inherent risks of physical injury or illness to Educator Camp participants and I agree to assume the full risk for any personal injury or death associated with my participation in the Educator Camp program, and I waive and relinquish any and all claims for personal injury or death, or any damage or loss of property, and any other loss, damage, or expense of any kind that I, my insurer, or my estate may have or which I may have or which may accrue to me on account of my participation in the Educator Camp Program, including but not limited to inherent risks of any sport or recreational opportunity as defined pursuant to the Wyoming Recreation Safety Act, Wyoming Statutes §§ 1-1-121 through 1-1-123.

I consent to receive first aid and other emergency medical treatment in the event of an injury or illness incurred during my participation in the Educator Camp Program, and I waive and relinquish any and all claims for any personal injury or death, or any damage or loss of property, and any other loss, damage, or expense of any kind that I, my insurer, or my estate may have against the Released Parties arising out of such treatment. I give permission for the Released Parties to seek emergency medical services for me should I become injured or ill during my participation in the program with the understanding that I am responsible for any expenses incurred. I understand that the Released Parties do NOT provide any medical insurance coverage for me while participating in this program.

I further understand and agree to abide by the general rules and conduct prescribed for guests of the Whiskey Mountain Conservation Camp and that violations may result in a denial of privileges, a forfeiture of all fees paid and immediate removal from the Whiskey Mountain Conservation Camp property.

I have read and understood this General Release of Liability and Medical Consent Agreement. I have voluntarily signed this Agreement.

Name (printed): _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____